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SUBJECT: GOK "POSTPONES" TWO-WEEK IN-COUNTRY NARCOTICS  
TRAINING PROGRAM

REF: (A) TEHRAN 02745, (B) TEHRAN 0838, (C) TEHRAN  
1871 AND PRVIOUS (NOTAL).

1. DURING A MEETING ON 3/19 AND SUBSEQUENT TELEPHONE CONVER-  
SATION ON 3/21, COL. ESSA SHUAIB AL-ALI, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF KUWAITI POLICE, INFORMED RSO THAT THE GOK HAS "INDEFINITELY  
POSTPONED" HOSTING THE PROPOSED DEA TWO-WEEK NARCOTICS  
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TRAINING FOR NARCOTICS POLICE OFFICIALS IN KUWAIT AND OTHER  
GULF COUNTRIES.

2. COL. SHUAIB ADVISED THAT THE CANCELLATION DECISION  
WAS MADE BY SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMED AL-JABER, MINISTER OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THEN ACTING MINISTER OF INTERIOR, FOR  
UNEXPLAINED REASONS.

3. ON 3/21, SOURCE RELATED THAT THE OFFICIAL REASON FOR THE CANCELLATION WAS THAT ALL POLICE PERSONNEL WOULD BE BUSY HANDLING THE EXPECTED LARGE NUMBERS OF LEBANESE IMMIGRANTS TO KUWAIT IN WAKE OF ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION IN LEBANON. RSO REMINED SOURCE THAT THE PROPOSED TRAINING DATE WAS NOT UNTIL OCTOBER/NOVEMBER BUT SOURCE DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT EXCEPT TO HINT THAT (ALLEGED) USG ROLE IN ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION COULD BE THE CAUSE OF GOK'S CANCELLING THE PROGRAM. COMMENT: WHILE EMBASSY CAN BELIEVE HIGH-LEVEL GOK OFFICIALS HAVE DECIDED TO SHY AWAY FROM IDENTIFICATION OF GOK WITH USG POLICE TRAINING FOR POLITICAL REASONS, THE ASSERTION REGARDING PREOCCUPATION WITH LEBANESE REFUGEES IS NOT CREDIBLE. END COMMENT.

4. COL. SHUAIB, WHO CONFESSED TO CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT IN VIEW OF INVITATIONS ALREADY EXTENDED TO OTHER PARTICIPANTS, SAID HE ATTEMPTED OBTAIN REVERSAL OF DECISION FROM NEWLY-NAMED INTERIOR MINISTER SHEIKH NAWAF AL-AHMAD AL-JABER, WITHOUT SUCCESS.

5. IN COURSE OF APRIL 3 COURTESY CALL ON NEW INTERIOR MINISTER, AMBASSADOR RAISED THIS MATTER, SHOWING MINISTER COPY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE OF APRIL 1, 1978 CONFIRMING INABILITY TO HOST DEA TRAINING "IN VEIW OF THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES" AND STATING THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTACTED "TO SET ANOTHER DATE IN THE NEAR FUTURE". MINISTER PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF MATTER AND SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY REGRETS GOK DECISION NOT TO GO AHEAD WITH IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM, AND HOPES GOK WILL LATER PROVE AMENABLE TO RESCHEDULING IT. AMBASSADOR DOES NOT EXPECT THAT HIS PRESENT INQUIRY WILL RESULT IN ANY CHANGE OF GOK POSITION, BUT IT MAY LAY GROUNDWORK FOR AN APPROACH LATER DURING A PERIOD OF LESS TENSION WHICH COULD RESULT IN REINSTATEMENT OF COURSE. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, SINCE GOK IS CALLING OFF ITS PREPARATIONS FOR THE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER COURSE, WE SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO USG'S SUSPENDING ALL ITS PREPARATIONS ALSO.

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